

Instead of promoting the possibility of monopolization of the airwaves by a few giant media owners, the FCC needs to be rolling back its apparently free giveaway to huge media monoliths and protecting the small independent airwaves that allow freedom of speech and independent ideas to flower. The coverage, or lack thereof, of objective reporting from the Iraq war is reason enough for the FCC to strongly limit consolidated ownership of the airwaves in the hands of the few. It is the mandate of the FCC to protect media from becoming a tool of a priveleged few, and to maintain it as an open forum for freedom of ideas, and the public communication thereof. Do not retreat from this requirement: too much capitulation to narrow corporate interests has already occurred: it is time to give the airwaves back to the people and not the corporations.